

Amendments to the Claims:

Please cancel Claims 2 and 7 through 9 without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter recited therein.

Please amend Claims 1, 3, and 4 and add Claims 10 through 14 to read, as follows.

1. **(Currently Amended)** An image forming apparatus comprising:  
a first image bearing member for bearing a toner image;  
a second image bearing member for bearing the toner image; and  
a transfer member opposed to said first image bearing member with said second image bearing member therebetween,  
wherein a voltage is applied to said transfer member to transfer the toner image from said first image bearing member onto said ~~on the~~ second image bearing member, and  
wherein a resistance  $R_t$  of said transfer member and a resistance  $R_b$  of said second image bearing member satisfy  $R_t/R_b \geq 1.0$ .

2. **(Canceled)**

3. **(Currently Amended)** An apparatus according to Claim 1, wherein said transfer member and said second image bearing member have ionic electroconductivities.

4. **(Currently Amended)** An apparatus according to Claim 1, wherein said transfer member and said second image bearing member have electronic electroconductivities.

5. **(Original)** An apparatus according to Claim 1, wherein said first image bearing member is a photosensitive member, and said second image bearing member is an intermediary transfer member.

6. **(Original)** An apparatus according to Claim 1, wherein said second image bearing member is in the form of a belt.

7. **(Canceled)**

8. **(Canceled)**

9. **(Canceled)**

--10. **(New)** An image forming apparatus comprising:  
a first image bearing member for bearing a toner image;  
a second image bearing member for bearing the toner image; and  
a transfer member opposed to said first image bearing member with said second image bearing member therebetween,  
wherein a voltage is applied to said transfer member to transfer the toner image from said first image bearing member onto said second image bearing member, and  
wherein a resistance  $R_t$  of said transfer member and a resistance  $R_b$  of said second image bearing member change with a same tendency in response to a change in an ambient

condition, and the resistance  $R_t$  of said transfer member and the resistance  $R_b$  of said second image bearing member satisfy  $R_t/R_b \geq 1.0$ .

11. **(New)** An apparatus according to Claim 10, wherein said transfer member and said second image bearing member have ionic electroconductivities.

12. **(New)** An apparatus according to Claim 10, wherein said transfer member and said second image bearing member have electronic electroconductivities.

13. **(New)** An apparatus according to Claim 10, wherein said first image bearing member is a photosensitive member, and said second image bearing member is an intermediary transfer member.

14. **(New)** An apparatus according to Claim 10, wherein said second image bearing member is in the form of a belt.--